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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated May 29, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following remarks.